

## Constitution of the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park

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## **Constitution of the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park**

### **Article 1 Definitions**

Board:	The board of directors of this club.
Bylaws:	The bylaws of this club.
Director:	A director on this club's Board.
Member:	A member, other than an honorary member, of this club.
Quorum:	The minimum number of participants who must be present when a vote is taken: one-third of the club's Members for club decisions, and a majority of the officers and directors for club Board decisions.
RI:	Rotary International.
Satellite club (when applicable):	A potential club whose members shall also be members of a club.
In Writing:	A communication capable of documentation, regardless of the method of transmission.
Year:	The twelve-month period beginning 1 July.

### **Article 2 Name**

This organization shall be the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park, a Member of Rotary International.

The name of any satellite of this club shall be Rotary Satellite Club of Calgary Heritage Park.

### **Article 3 Purposes**

The purposes of this club are to:

- (a) pursue the Object of Rotary;
- (b) carry out successful service projects based on the five Avenues of Service;
- (c) contribute to the advancement of Rotary by strengthening membership;
- (d) support The Rotary Foundation; and
- (e) develop leaders beyond the club level.

#### **Article 4 Locality of the Club**

The locality of this club is the City of Calgary in Alberta, Canada.

Any satellite club of this club shall be located in this locality or the surrounding area.

#### **Article 5 Object**

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First.* The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- Second.* High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third.* The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- Fourth.* The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

#### **Article 6 Five Avenues of Service**

Rotary's five Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club.

1. *Club Service*, the first Avenue of Service, involves action a Member should take within this club to help it function successfully.
2. *Vocational Service*, the second Avenue of Service, has the purpose of promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of Members includes conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's principles and lending their vocational skills to club-developed projects in order to address the issues and needs of society.
3. *Community Service*, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts that Members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality by striving for positive peace in the community.
4. *International Service*, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those activities that Members do to advance international understanding, goodwill, and positive peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.

5. *Youth Service*, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change implemented by youth (under 18 years of age) through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster positive world peace and cultural understanding.

## **Article 7 Membership**

**Section 1** — *General Qualifications*. This club shall be composed of adult persons who demonstrate good character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within their business, profession, and/or community; and are willing to serve in their community and/or around the world.

**Section 2** — *Types*. This club shall have two types of membership, active and honorary. The club may create other sub-types in accordance with article 10, section 2 of the Bylaws. These members are reported to RI as either active or honorary.

**Section 3** — *Active Members*. A person who possesses the characteristics in article 10, section 3 of the Bylaws may be elected as an active club Member, as provided in the Bylaws, on condition that no written objection is received by the Board within 14 days following publication of the Board's approval of the candidate's membership,

**Section 4** — *Satellite Club Members*. Members of a satellite club of this club shall also be members of a club until the satellite club is admitted to RI membership as a Rotary club.

**Section 5** — *Prohibited Dual Memberships*. No Member shall simultaneously

- (a) belong to this and another club other than a satellite of a club, or
- (b) be an honorary member in this club.

**Section 6** — *Honorary Membership*. This club may elect honorary members for a one year term, renewable at the discretion of the Board, who shall:

- (a) be exempt from paying dues;
- (b) not vote;
- (c) not hold any club office;
- (d) not hold classifications; and
- (e) be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all other privileges in the club, but have no rights or privileges in any other club, except to visit without being a Rotarian's guest.

**Section 7** — *Member in Good Standing*. A Member shall be considered a Member in Good Standing if the Member attends club meetings regularly, engages in club social and service activities, actively participates on at least one of the Avenues of Service or Fundraiser Committees, and pays all amounts owing to the club when due.

## **Article 8 Club Membership Composition**

**Section 1 — *General Provisions.*** Each Member shall be classified in accordance with the Member's business, profession, occupation, or community service. The classification shall describe the principal and recognized activity of the Member's firm, company, or institution, the Member's principal and recognized business or professional activity, or the nature of the Member's community service activity. The Board may adjust a Member's classification if the Member changes positions, professions, or occupations.

**Section 2 — *Diverse Club Membership.*** This club's membership should represent a cross section of the businesses, professions, occupations, and civic organizations in its community, including age, gender, and ethnic diversity.

## **Article 9 Attendance**

**Section 1 — *General Provisions.*** Each Member is encouraged to attend at least 50% of this club's regular meetings, or its satellite club's regular meetings, and actively engage in this club's service projects, events, and other activities.

**Section 2 — *Extended Absence While Working at a Distance.*** If a Member works on a distant assignment for an extended period of time, attendance at the meetings of a designated club at the site of the assignment replaces attendance at the regular meetings of the Member's club, if the two clubs agree.

**Section 3 — *Leave of Absence.*** A Member can be granted a leave of absence if:

- (a) The Board approves it for reasons, conditions, and circumstances it considers good and sufficient. Such leave of absence shall not last longer than 12 months. However, if a leave is taken for medical reasons, follows the birth or adoption of a child, or takes place during foster care of a child, the Board may extend it beyond the original 12 months.
- (b) The sum of the Member's age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more, the Member has been a Rotarian for at least 20 years, the Member has notified the club secretary in writing of a desire to be excused from attendance, and only these requirements are taken into consideration.

## **Article 10 Directors and Officers and Committees**

**Section 1** — *Governing Body*. The governing body of this club is the Board, as provided in the Bylaws.

**Section 2** — *Authority*. The Board has general control over all officers and committees and, for good cause, may declare any office vacant.

**Section 3** — *Board Action Final*. In all club matters, the decision of the Board is final, subject only to an appeal to the club. An appeal to reverse a Board decision requires a two-thirds vote of the Members present at a regular meeting specified by the Board, provided that a quorum is present, and the secretary has given notice of the appeal to each Member at least five days before the meeting. The club's action on an appeal is final.

**Section 4** — *Officers*. The club officers shall be a president, a president-elect, vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Board. Each officer and director shall be a Member in good standing of this club.

**Section 5** — *Election of Officers*.

- (a) *Terms of Officers other than President*. Each officer shall be elected as provided in the Bylaws. Except for the president, each officer takes office on 1 July immediately following election and serves for the term of office or until a successor is elected and qualified.
- (b) *Term of President*. A president-elect shall be elected as provided in the Bylaws, at least 6 months but not more than 19 months before the day of taking office as president. The nominee becomes president-elect on 1 July in the year before taking office as president. The president takes office on 1 July and serves a period of one year.
- (c) *Qualifications of President*. A candidate for president must be a Member of this club for at least one year before being nominated, unless the governor determines that less than a full year satisfies this requirement. The president-elect shall attend the presidents-elect training seminar and the training assembly unless excused by the governor-elect. If excused, the president-elect shall send a club representative. If the president-elect does not attend the presidents-elect training seminar and the training assembly and has not been excused by the governor-elect or, if excused, does not send a club representative to these meetings, the president-elect shall not serve as club president.

**Section 6** — *Committees*. This club should have the following committees:

- (a) Club Service;
- (b) Membership;
- (c) Rotary Foundation
- (d) Vocational Service
- (e) Community Service
- (f) International Service
- (g) Youth Service; and

(h) Fundraisers and Service Projects.

The Board or president may appoint additional committees as needed.

## **Article 11 Community, National, and International Affairs**

**Section 1 — *Proper Subjects.*** Any public question involving the welfare of the community, the nation, and the world is a proper subject of fair and informed discussion at a club meeting. However, this club shall not express an opinion on any pending controversial public measure.

**Section 2 — *No Endorsements.*** This club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office and shall not discuss at any club meeting the merits or demerits of any such candidate.

**Section 3 — *Non-Political.***

(a) *Resolutions and Opinions.* This club shall neither adopt nor circulate resolutions or opinions and shall not take action dealing with world affairs or international policies of a political nature.

(b) *Appeals.* This club shall not direct appeals to clubs, peoples, or governments, or circulate letters, speeches, or proposed plans for the solution of specific international problems of a political nature.

**Section 4 — *Recognizing Rotary's Beginning.*** The week of the anniversary of Rotary's founding, 23 February, is World Understanding and Peace Week. During this week, this club will celebrate Rotary service, reflect upon past achievements, and focus on programs of peace, understanding, and goodwill in the community and throughout the world.

## **Article 12 Rotary Magazines**

**Section 1 — *Mandatory Subscription.*** Unless this club is excused by the RI board of directors, each Member shall subscribe to an official magazine. Two Rotarians who reside at the same address may subscribe jointly to an official magazine. The subscription fee shall be paid on the dates set by the Board for the payment of per capita dues for the duration of membership in this club.

**Section 2 — *Subscription Collection.*** The subscription fee shall be collected by this club from each Member in advance and remitted to RI or to the office of a regional publication as determined by the RI board of directors.

## **Article 13 Acceptance of Object and Compliance with Constitution and Bylaws**

By paying dues, a Member accepts the principles of Rotary expressed in its object and agrees to comply with and be bound by the club constitution and Bylaws. On these conditions alone is a Member entitled to the privileges of this club. Each Member shall be subject to the terms of the club constitution and Bylaws whether or not the Member has received copies of them.

## **Article 14 Bylaws**

This club shall adopt bylaws that are consistent with the RI constitution and bylaws, with the rules of procedure for an administrative territorial unit, where established by RI, and with this constitution, to give additional provisions for the government of this club. The Bylaws take precedent over this document and may be amended as they provide.

## **Article 15 Amendments**

**Section 1** — *Manner of Amending*. This constitution may be amended at any regular club meeting, if a quorum is present, by at least a two-thirds vote of all voting Members. Notice of the proposed amendment shall be given to each Member at least 21 days before the meeting.